

**UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT BOULDER
BOULDER CAMPUS PLANNING COMMISSION**

**Minutes of the Public Hearing on Capital Construction
April 16, 1998**

The Boulder Campus Planning Commission held a Public Hearing regarding the FY 1999-2000 State request for funding on Thursday, April 16, 1998, in Room 230 of the University Memorial Center.

Members present were: Jim Baily, Al Bartlett, John Bruning, Anne Costain, Noel Cummings, Shaun Dalrymple, Adrian Del Caro, Bill Deno, Steve Jones, Stephen Lester, Michael Lightner, Wolf Lutton, Dale Oesterle, Susan Thorning, and Secretary William Arndt.

Members absent were: Ben Goldmanis, Paul Saporito, and John Satory.

Guests present were: Enid Ablowitz, College of Engineering; Mel Branch, College of Engineering; Hal Bruff, Law School; Steve Carr, MCD Biology; Peggy Cook, Law School; Bart Cross, Telecommunications; Lois Dahnke, Academic Scheduling; Jeff Dodge, Silver & Gold Record; Susan Dutcher, MCD Biology; David Getches, Law School; Nancy Guild, MCD Biology; Leslie Leinwand, MCD Biology; Ed Maes, College of Business; Mark Middleton, Engineering student; Gifford Miller, Geological Sciences; Bobby Schnabel, ATLAS; Phil Simpson, Facilities Planning; Larry Singell, College of Business; and Steve Thweatt, Facilities Management.

Chair Jones asked members and guests to introduce themselves. He explained that representatives of the projects proposed for FY 1999-2000 funding have been asked to make brief presentations. BCPC members may ask questions about these specific projects, but discussion of prioritization will not occur until the regular BCPC meeting on April 23, 1998.

1. **ATLAS Center** -- Bobby Schnabel, faculty director of the Alliance for Teaching, Learning, and Society (ATLAS) said that the name of the proposed facility has "transitioned" from the Technology, Arts, and Media Center to the ATLAS Center. He said that it will be a campus-wide program with broad support from the faculty.

BCPC members asked questions about the scheduling of decommissioning classrooms which will be replaced in this facility, and about the staff need for training and support of the technology features. Another concern was the rapid progress of this project, which was originally conceived as only a program, and not a structure. The extent to which the School of Journalism will be included was also discussed.

2. **Hunter Building Demolition** -- Phil Simpson briefly explained why the Hunter Building cannot be renovated or adapted, and the extent to which it poses health and safety threats. The museum facilities will move out when the renovation of the Old Geology Building is completed. After that occurs, Hunter must be demolished no matter what goes on the site. Members asked about relocating current occupants. Costain said finding space remains a problem, especially for the Film Studies Program. Another concern is the abatement of previously undetected hazardous materials during the demolition.
3. **New Law School Building** -- Dean Hal Bruff discussed the problems of the current building, which is too small for the program and dysfunctional in other ways. A new stand-alone

building was first proposed by the Design Review Board and will best suit the needs of the Law School. He also noted that a new building for the Law School would make Fleming available for another use.

Discussion included the following topics: relocation of the Varsity Tennis Courts, transit and parking, and the need for future expansion.

- 4. Business Building Addition and Renovation** -- Dean Larry Singell noted that the current building was completed in 1970 and has not been substantially altered although enrollment has more than doubled. In a potential renovation, the library, currently on the third floor, would likely be moved, as it cannot be expanded in its current location. Singell also noted that there are promising possibilities for the private fundraising portion of the project.

Discussion took place about class and classroom size, and about the location of an addition.

- 5. Discovery Learning Center** -- Associate Dean Mel Branch said that this program would extend the ideas and functions of the ITLL to upper-class and graduate students. It will also address space deficiencies in the existing Engineering complex. Branch also spoke of ways in which the program will partner with other departments and other schools and colleges campus-wide. A substantial portion of the private component of funding is already in hand.

Most of the questions and discussion that followed concerned site issues and future expansion of the entire Engineering Center. Others asked about parking and pedestrian issues.

- 6. MCD Biology Undergraduate Teaching Laboratories** -- Susan Dutcher of MCD Biology explained that this space, which was left unfinished when the MCD Biology building was built, was originally intended to be solely for teaching. However, a more research-based experience is now intended. The program has applied to the CCHE for a "program of excellence" award. The number of undergraduate students taking MCDB classes has grown substantially. Teaching labs will remain in Porter as well as locating in the new building.

BCPC members asked about the interface of this project with the other health and safety projects in Porter.

- 7. Porter Health and Safety Renovations (Step 3 of 5)** -- Steve Carr of MCD Biology briefly explained the history of this project, which was original part of the MCDB expansion project. A revised program plan separated the Porter project and divided it into phases. He said that functions displaced in this phase of construction can be easily accommodated in the newer in MCDB Building.

Most questions and discussion centered around the funding strategies, and whether it would be possible to combine all the future Porter phases and finish the project as soon as possible.